

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-5.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1-4 and 8. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections – Drawings

The Drawings were objected to because Figures 1-5 should be designated by a legend such as –Prior Art--. A correction to the drawing is shown on the enclosed sheet. The Examiner's approval of the drawing change is respectfully requested.

In response, the Applicant is submitting "formal" replacement sheets. The Examiner's approval of these drawings is respectfully requested.

Examiner Objections - Claims

Claims 1-3, 5, 8 were objected to because of informalities. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the claims. The Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the informalities. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 was objected to as to being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended Claim 4 to depend from allowed, independent claim 1. Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-3.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 4-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (US Patent 5,796,786). Claim 4 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 1. Claim 4 now contains allowable subject matter and the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5-8 add further limitations to the limitations in claim 4 and 1. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-8 are now allowable and the allowance of claims 4-8 is respectfully requested.

Prior Art Not Relied Upon

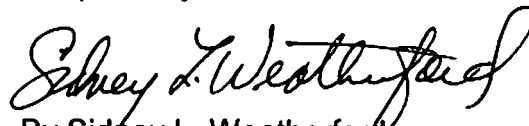
In paragraph 4 on page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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